

The Oilers once had a 27-game winning streak in basketball.

It began with a 31-14 win over Pleasantville during the 1914-15 season, and ended with a 31-19 loss to Kittanning during the 1916-17 campaign.

The Oilers started 0-3 in 1914-15, falling to Rocky Grove, Pleasantville and Titusville. Then they won their last five to finish with a 5-3 record. That streak included wins over the Franklin Boy Scouts and Mu Beta Kappa.

They were undefeated (13-0) the next year, including a 26-25 decision over Sewickley to end the season. Other close calls: 16-14 over Kittanning and 23-20 over Clarion.

The team was coached by Wilbur Magee, affiliated with the YMCA. Some of the players were: Andy Harper, Jack Cleaves, Howard Alexander, Phil Lowers, Pat Harper, Dale Lash, Joe Seep and Ted Stevenson. Lash later coached at Springfield College.

The Oilers won their first nine games in 1916-17, all by at least six points except for a 27-26 decision over Franklin. Their last win in the streak came over New Kensington, 31-14.